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1. PHILIPPINE CHARGE MAGBANUA TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT THERE WERE TWO MAIN REASONS FOR SUSPENSION OF TALKS. FIRST WAS UNAVAILABILITY OF SENIOR LIBYAN OFFICIAL TO CHAIR TALKS SINCE FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI IS ALMOST CONSTANTLY ON THE ROAD. CHARGE SAID HIS STAND IN, ACTING UNDER SECRETARY ATRASH, WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH DETAILS AND COMPLETELY INFLEXIBLE. SECOND PROBLEM WAS CONTINUING LIBYAN INSISTENCE IN INTERPOSING THEMSELVES BETWEEN PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND MNLF REPS. CHARGE FELT THAT PROGRESS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF MORE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE.

2. CHARGE SPECULATED THAT MADAME MARCOS MIGHT SOON BE MAKING A SECOND TRIP TO TRIPOLI IN HOPES OF REVIVING TALKS.

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